

REMARKS

By this Amendment, the specification is amended to incorporate the proposal of the outstanding Office Action, claims 3, 4, 10-14, 18, 19, 25-29, 33, 34 and 40-42 are amended merely to clarify the recited subject matter including incorporating the proposals outlined in the outstanding Office Action to overcome the outstanding objections and rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, removing acronyms and removing potentially indefinite language. Claims 1-2, 5-9, 15-17, 20-24, 30-32, 35-39 and 43 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 3, 4, 10-14, 18, 19, 25-29, 33, 34 and 40-42 are pending and deemed allowable by the outstanding Office Action.

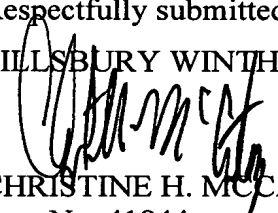
The Office Action rejected claims 1, 2, 6-9, 16, 17, 21-24, 31, 32 and 36-39 under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Rezaiifar et al. (U.S. 6,377,809), in view of Gitlin et al. (U.S. 5,442,625), and Umeda et al. (EP 0,693,841) and rejected claims 5, 15, 20, 30, 35 and 43 under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Rezaiifar et al. in view of Gitlin et al. and Umeda et al. in view of Dahlman et al. (U.S. 6,222,875). However, the rejections are moot in view of the cancellation of the rejected claims.

All issues having been traversed, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for immediate allowance and requests that a Notice be issued to that effect. If anything remains necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, Applicants request that the Examiner contact Applicants' undersigned representative.

Please charge any fees associated with the submission of this paper to Deposit Account Number 033975. The Commissioner for Patents is also authorized to credit any over payments to the above-referenced Deposit Account.

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